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**RESPONSE TO
OFFICE ACTION**

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Application Number	10/005,577
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Filing Date	December 3, 2001
First Named Inventor	Steven Lefkowitz
Examiner	Betty Forman
Group Art	1634
Title	<i>Surface with tethered polymeric species for binding biomolecules</i>

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated November 23, 2004, for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before February 23, 2005. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

In view of the remarks set forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.